

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-11, 13, 15 and 21-35 are pending in the application. Claims 1-11, 13, 15 and 27-29 are allowed. Claims 21-25 and 30-34 are rejected. Claims 26 and 35 stand objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in proper independent form. New claims 36-47 are presented for examination. Further consideration is requested in view of the above claim amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 21-25 and 30-34 stand rejected as being anticipated by admitted prior art FIG. 1. Claims 26 and 35 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, claim 21 is amended and deemed to be allowable as including all of the limitations of claim 26. Claims 22-25 are deemed to be allowable as being dependent from allowable claim 21. In addition, claim 30 is amended and deemed to be allowable as including all of the limitations of claim 35. Claims 31-34 are deemed to be allowable as being dependent from allowable claim 30. Claims 26 and 35 are now cancelled.

New claims 36-47 are presented for examination. Claims 36 and 47 each contain an additional limitation that the Active, Standby and Sleep states correspond to three different voltage levels at the control terminal. In the prior art FIG. 1, the control terminal only has two separate voltage levels, and the three states are provided in conjunction with two separate voltage levels on a different control terminal of another transistor not used in the present invention. It is deemed that prior art FIG. 1 does not teach the three separate voltage levels defining the three operating states as now claimed.

No new matter is included in claims 36-47, which correspond to previous claims 21-26 and 30-35, except for the additional limitations as described above.

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Claims 36-47 are deemed to be allowable as containing at least one limitation not shown in prior art FIG. 1, or for being dependent upon an allowable base claim for the reasons given above.

In view of all of the above, the claims are now believed to be allowable and the case in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge deposit account no. 50-1123 \$350 to cover the fee for additional claims (i.e., 3 claims in excess of the 35 claims previously paid for, plus one new independent claim). No additional fee is believed due for this submittal. However, any fee deficiency associated with this submittal may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1123.

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